

Introduced by Committee on Human Services (Senators Simitian (Chair), Aanestad, Alarcon, Alquist, Chesbro, Florez, and Maldonado)

March 30, 2005

An act to amend Section 19020 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to blind individuals.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1114, as introduced, Committee on Human Services. Department of Rehabilitation: blindness.

Under existing law, the Department of Rehabilitation provides comprehensive, coordinated, effective, efficient, and accountable programs of vocational rehabilitation and independent living for individuals with disabilities, particularly individuals with the most severe disabilities, so that these individuals may prepare for and engage in gainful employment and live more independently.

Existing law requires the department to recommend to each organization or agency the purpose of which is to provide services to the blind that receives grants or contracts from the department the number of blind members of the board that is appropriate to meet the needs of the community being served by that board.

This bill would instead require that an organization or agency described above have at least 20% blind individuals as board members.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 19020 of the Welfare and Institutions
- 2 Code is amended to read:

1 19020. (a) ~~On and after July 1, 1993, the department shall~~
2 ~~recommend to each organization or agency, the purpose of which~~
3 ~~is to provide services to individuals who are blind, that receives~~
4 ~~grants or contracts from the department, the number of blind~~
5 ~~members of the board that is appropriate to meet the needs of the~~
6 ~~community being served by that board. At least 20 percent of the~~
7 ~~board of each organization or agency, the purpose of which is to~~
8 ~~provide services to individuals who are blind, that receives~~
9 ~~grants or contracts from the department, shall be blind~~
10 ~~individuals.~~
11 (b) As used in this section, “blind” means the same as defined
12 in Section 12050 of the Welfare and Institutions Code.